

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 25-27 and 29 have been canceled, claims 9-11, 13, 14, 16-24, 28 and 30-33 have been amended, and claims 34-43 have been added. Claims 9-24, 28 and 30-43 remain in the application.

Minor typographical corrections have been made to a paragraph of the filed specification so that a receive term agrees in tense with its occurrences elsewhere in the specification and claims.

The Examiner stated that claims 9-24, 28 and 30-33 were allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base and intervening claims.

Accordingly, dependent claims 9-11, 17, 21, 24, 28 and 30-33 have been converted to independent form. Claims 12-16 remain dependent from claim 11, claims 18-20 remain dependent from claim 17, and claims 22 and 23 remain dependent from claim 21.

Claims 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 have been added to respectively depend from claims 9, 10, 11, 17, 21 and 24. Claims 40, 41, 42 and 43 have been added to respectively depend from claims 30, 31, 32 and 33.

The term "receive signals S_{rcv} " was inadvertently written as "received signals S_{rcvd} " in claims 9-11, 13, 14, 17-22, and 30-32. These typographical errors have been corrected to "receive signals S_{rcv} " to thereby agree with usage elsewhere in the specification and claims. In addition, "signal" has been corrected to "signals" in claims 9 and 16 and a period has been inserted after "23" in claim 23.

Applicants note that because the amendments only correct typographical errors and convert claims to dependent form, they make no substantive changes in the filed language of the claims, are unrelated to statutory requirements for patentability and do not, therefore, alter the scope of the filed claims.

Applicants therefore request an early allowance of claims 9-24, 28 and 30-43.

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